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Tennessee 2021 Wheat Forecast and May Hay Stocks

Tennessee farmers expect to harvest 22.4 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2021 according to the Tennessee Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2021 would be up 65% from the previous year. Farmers seeded 400,000 acres last fall with 320,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Based on crop conditions as of May 1 and assuming a normal growing season, farmers expect a yield of 70.0 bushels per acre, up 11.0 bushels from 2020. Acres for other uses totaled 80,000 acres and will be used as cover crop or cut as silage or hay.

****As of May 9, winter wheat was rated 3% poor, 21% fair, 60% good and 16% excellent. Crop progress was 80% headed compared to 90% at this time last year and 87% for the five-year average.****

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up 10% from 2020. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 24.6 million acres, up 7% from last year. As of May 1, the U.S. yield was forecast at 52.1 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last year.

As of May 1, **Tennessee** on-farm **hay stocks** totaled 570,000 tons, up 145,000 from May 1, 2020 stocks. Farmers have used 81% of their hay stocks since December 1, 2020.

U. S. hay stocks were at 18.0 million tons, down 2.42 million tons from 2020.

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